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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS RESUMPTION OF RABAT PAYMENTS

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(D) AMMAN 200 (NOTAL, (E) 76 CAIR A-170 (NOTAL)

1. AL AHAM REPORTED NOVEMBER 3 (REF A) THAT ARAB SUPPORTING
STATES, KUWAIT, QATAR, SAUDIA ARABIA, AND UAE HAVE DECIDED
TO RESUME PAYMENTS TO ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES, EGYPT, JORDAN
AND SYRIA, UNDER TERMS OF THE RABAT AGREEMENT (1974) WHICH WOULD
PROVIDE THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WITH APPROXIMATELY \$1 BILLION
ANNUALLY. ARTICLE NOTES THAT IRAQ AND ALGERIA HAVE NOT YET
DECIDED IF THEY WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTRIBUTION.
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REPORT ALSO STATED THAT PAYMENTS HAD CEASED WITH RE-OPENING
OF SUEZ CANAL.

2. REPORT HAS PARALLELS WITH INFORMATION CITED REF C AND
D ON ORIGINAL LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF 1975 DONATION AND
POSSIBILITY THAT PAYMENT WOULD BE RESUMED IN 1977 AND 1978.
UNDERSTAND FROM REF D THAT DESPITE THOROUGH DISCUSSION

OF RESUMPTION OF PAYMENT AT MINI-SUMMIT IN RIYADH EARLY THIS YEAR, NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS WERE EVER REACHED BY DONOR STATES.

3. AS DEPT. AND ADDRESSEE POSTS AWARE, 1967 KHARTOUM PAYMENTS (NOT RABAT) WERE LINKED TO GOE LOSS OF SUEZ CANAL REVENUES DUE TO CLOSING AFTER 1967 WAR. THUS, PRESS ALLUSION SEEMS TO HAVE CONFUSED TWO ARRANGEMENTS. KHARTOUM PAYMENTS BY KUWAIT AND SAUDIA ARABIA STILL CONTINUE ACCORDING GOE CENTRAL BANK STATISTICS, THOUGH LIBYA CEASED ITS CONTRIBUTION IN 1973. GOE CENTRAL BANK RECORDS REFLECT LAST TRANSFER TO GOE UNDER RABAT AGREEMENT IN FIRST QUARTER 1976 (REF E).

4. POST WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY HAVE CONCERNING RESUMPTION OF PAYMENTS AND/OR DECISION OF IRAQ AND ALGERIA TO PARTICIPATE.
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